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MAIL STOP SEQUENCE

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Title: G PROTEINS, POLYNUCLEOTIDE ENCODING THE SAME AND
UTILIZATION THEREOF

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO COMPLY
WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS CONTAINING
NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES**

This Preliminary Amendment and Response is filed in response to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures, mailed October 16, 2003. It is timely filed on December 16, 2003.

Kindly amend the application as follows: